

Docket No. 10621-3

Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner Rhee, Jane J

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Clarke et al 5

> 09/976,987 Serial No.

Filing Date: Oct. 12, 2001

Title: Gas-permeable Membrane

Mail Stop AF 10 Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

<u>REPLY</u>

PECEIVED TO 1700

Sir,

This paper is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, which is a final rejection. Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

05/28/2003 SDIRETA1 00000103 09976987

01 FC:2202

18.00 OP

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8** 

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 mail in an envelope addressed to: Typed name of person signifing this certificate: T. H. P. Richardson On May 20, 2003

Signature

(divides

15